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Memorandum

TO: MR. TOLSON

DATE: 4/24/64

FROM: A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Malley

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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At 5:10 p.m. today I talked to SAC Shanklin relative to the affidavit prepared by SA Hosty concerning the article which appeared in the Dallas News. I told Shanklin that the affidavit was satisfactory with the exception that it would be strengthened if it contained a sentence to the effect that Hosty had never heard any information indicating potential violence on the part of Oswald. I made it clear to Shanklin that this affidavit is Hosty's affidavit and we do not want to put words in his mouth.

Shanklin said he understood this thoroughly and that the facts are that Hosty did not have any such information and, therefore, it could go in the affidavit. After checking he advised the following sentence would be inserted, "In fact, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, I never had any information indicating potential violence on the part of Oswald." I told Shanklin to have the affidavit completed and send it to the Bureau this afternoon.

I also advised Shanklin of the results of Mr. Malley's contact with Mr. Rankin of the Commission today, including the fact that Lt. Revill and an Officer by the name of B.J.Bryan had submitted to the Commission affidavits along the line of the article appearing in the Dallas News, and that these affidavits were almost verbatim; that we had told Mr. Rankin that Hosty had not made such statements and was submitting an affidavit to that effect which we would give the Commission.

I told Mr.Shanklin that Mr. Rankin was concerned about what appeared to be the planting of this story and possibly others in Dallas; that Rankin was sure they had not come from the Commission, but possibly from someone like Alexander in the District Attorney's office, and while Rankin did not want any investigation, he would appreciate any information our Dallas office picked up as to the source of this story. Shanklin said that he would be alert for any such information.

I also told Mr. Shanklin that the Dallas office should immediately start dealing with the Dallas PD at arms length, and should not participate in police training or other cooperative functions with the [illegible] and in fact should stay away from them unless we received information [illegible]

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which we were duty bound to turn over to them as a violation within their jurisdiction. Shanklin said he had some police schools scheduled with the Dallas PD, and I told him to cancel them as far as the FBI is concerned.

ACTION:

For information. Upon receipt of the affidavit from Dallas we will forward it by letter to the Commission.